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SUBJECT: ECE - 32ND SESSION, DRAFT STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT, RPT DRAFT TEXT, OF US DELEGATE'S
STATEMENT TO 32ND SESSION, AS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR
RAWLS APRIL 14. TEXT IS TRANSMITTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW
AND COMMENT, WHICH WILL LEAD TO DECISION ON FINAL
VERSION BY USDEL IN GENEVA; BEGIN TEXT:

1. IT IS BOTH A DISTINCT PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO
ADDRESS THIS COMMISSION AT ITS 32ND SESSION AND ON THE
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING. VERY RECENTLY, IN
LEADING MY COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
WATER CONFERENCE, I WAS KEENLY AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANT
PREPARATORY WORK DONE BY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY
BODIES OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS.
I AM ALSO FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS MADE

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DURING THE PAST YEAR BY THIS AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES
AND BY THE SECRETARIAT ITSELF TO ADAPT THE PROGRAMS OF
THE COMMISSION SO AS TO GIVE SUBSTANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT
TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE FINAL ACT.

2. AS AN EXTENSION AND CULMINATION OF THIS PROCESS, MY
DELEGATION APPRECIATES THE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN HIS STATEMENT. AS ALWAYS, IT CONTAINS KEEN INSIGHT INTO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE REGION, AND THE ROLE WHICH THE COMMISSION CAN PLAY IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. WE ALSO WELCOME THE SECRETARIAT REPORTS PRESENTED TO THIS SESSION CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO ITS NEW AND VITAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN IMPLEMENTING RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.

3. IN THIS REGARD, MY DELEGATION WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE IDEAS HE PRESENTED IN DOCUMENT E/ECE/911 WHEREIN HE LISTED AREAS FOR POSSIBLE HEIGHTENED ECE ACTIVITY. WHILE OF COURSE THE TOPICS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE FULLY DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING, MY DELEGATION REGARDS HIS IDEAS PER SE AS A POSITIVE AND USEFUL EXTENSION OF THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING, THAT THE ECE DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SEVERAL SPECIFIC BASKET II PROJECTS.

4. IN ITS ROLE OF IMPLEMENTING THE MULTILATERAL BASKET II PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE, AS WE HAVE STATED IN THE PAST, THAT THE ECE CAN CONTRIBUTE IN A TANGIBLE AND BENEFICIAL WAY TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS THROUGHOUT EUROPE. THIS IS A GOAL WHICH I BELIEVE ALL OF US GATHERED HERE WISH TO SEE. THE FINAL ACT HAS POSED A CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGE TO THE ECE--AND THE COMMISSION, LED BY ITS DYNAMIC AND INNOVATIVE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS FULLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGAGED IN RESPONDING TO THAT CHALLENGE.

5. AND YET THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT TANGIBLE FORWARD MOVEMENT IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN EUROPE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAT ACTING ALONE, CAPABLE AS WE ALL KNOW THAT STAFF TO BE. RATHER, IT IS UP TO ECE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS NOT ONLY TO INVEST THE COMMISSION WITH ITS CSCE MANDATE, AS WE DID IN RESOLUTION 1 AT LAST YEAR'S SESSION, BUT ALSO TO AGREE TO SPECIFIC ACTION-ORIENTED PROJECTS IN THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THE COMMISSION REALIZE THE FULL POTENTIAL ENVISAGED FOR IT IN THE FINAL ACT AND CONFIRMED BY US AT THE 31ST SESSION.

6. TO BE SURE, THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS DURING THE PAST YEAR, SOME OF IT, GRATIFYINGLY, IN RESPONSE TO ECE MEMBERS' WISHES ON PROJECTS OF SPECIAL OR PRIORITY ATTENTION AS EMBODIED IN DECISION D FROM THE LAST SESSION.

THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORS ON A TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION MONITORING PROGRAM IS PERHAPS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THIS PROGRESS. WHILE WE ARE OF COURSE PLEASED THAT SOMETHING WAS DONE ON THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL INFORMATION TOPIC AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, WE BELIEVE THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THIS CRUCIAL TRADE-RELATED AREA. FOR OUR PART, IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE'S PROJECT ON THE INFORMATION TOPIC, WE WILL BE PROVIDING BY JUNE 30 A DETAILED LIST OF THE TYPES OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION WE FEEL NEED IMPROVEMENT. WE WILL GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION'S WORK IN THIS AREA.

7. AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, TODAY THE COMMISSION SERVES AS A MAJOR BRIDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. ITS ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS HAVE PROVIDED A FOUNDATION FOR EXTENSIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. THE POSSIBILITIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR FOSTERING AND IMPLEMENTING CONCRETE, USEFUL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN EUROPE ARE GREAT, IF NOT UNIQUE. ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY, THE UNITED STATES EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION MAY BE ASSURED OF THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES IN WORKING TO FULFILL ITS NEW GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. END TEXT

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